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ABSTRACT

This textbook focuses on Native American life on the Great Plains during the 19th century, the wars fought between the United States and the tribes for control of the Plains, and the Indians' loss and removal to reservations. Chapters cover: (1) how various tribes migrated to the Plains, hunting culture, the importance of the buffalo and the horse, and the roles of men and women; (2) removal of the "five civilized tribes" from the Southeast to the Plains, creation of Indian Territory, and building the Cherokee Nation; (3) how the Civil War increased pressure on the Plains Indians and led to violence on the northern Plains; (4) destruction of the buffalo and battles between U.S. troops and Native Americans on the southern Plains in the 1860s and 1870s; (5) loss of Native American homelands on the northern Plains and the flight of Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce; and (6) hardships of reservation life, policies and laws that threatened Native American culture, removal of Indian children to boarding schools, and the Ghost Dance movement and Wounded Knee. Each chapter contains a short article on Native American heritage, an outline of key ideas, questions for review and critical thinking, and suggestions for writing assignments. This book contains an index, a glossary, maps, timelines, and many photographs. (SV)

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